



## *New Hampshire Institute for Local Public Health Practice at the Manchester Health Department*

### **LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

#### **Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals**

The following is a list of core competencies for public health professionals, as defined by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice, that are addressed in the *Local Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response* course.

#### **At the successful completion of this course, students will be:**

##### *Analytic Assessment Skills:*

- **Knowledgeable** to define a public health problem.

##### *Policy Development/Program Planning Skills:*

- **Aware** of the importance to prepare and implement emergency response plans.

##### *Communication Skills:*

- **Knowledgeable** of how to lead and participate in groups.

##### *Community Dimensions of Practice Skills:*

- **Aware** of the importance to maintain linkages with key stakeholders.

##### *Basic Public Health Sciences Skills:*

- **Aware** of the importance to develop a lifelong commitment to rigorous critical thinking.

In addition, this training also achieves the following Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies as defined by the Columbia University School of Nursing for Health Policy:

- **Describe** the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise.
- **Describe** the chain of command in emergency response.
- **Identify** and locate the agency emergency response plan.
- **Identify** limits to own knowledge, skills and authority, and identify key systems for referring matters that exceed these limits.
- **Recognize** unusual events that might indicate an emergency and describe appropriate action.